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1. REF A STATES THAT IN APRIL 1976, "AN EFFORT WAS GOING TO BE MADE VIA THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN RANGOON TO OBTAIN BURMESE (OPIUM) SAMPLES. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE EFFORTS."

2. IN MAY 1976, THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SAMPLES OF RAW OPIUM AS WELL AS MORPHINE AND HEROIN. AS REPORTED IN REFS C AND D, THESE SAMPLES WERE SENT TO THE DEA SPECIAL TESTING LAB IN MCLEAN, VIRGINIA. REF E, DATED 8 JULY 1976, REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TESTING LAB'S ANALYSIS OF THESE SAMPLES.

3. THEREFORE, WE ARE CONFUSED BY REF A'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE LACK OF ANY INFORMATION SINCE APRIL 1976 CONCERNING OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BURMESE SAMPLES.

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4. SUBSEQUENT TO MAY 1976, WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, TOGETHER WITH VISITING DEA REPRESENTATIVES, TOLD THE BURMESE ABOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS SAMPLES FOR USE IN THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM. AS REF B POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THESE REQUESTS HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED.

5. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT. BEFORE WE AGAIN APPROACH THE BURMESE, HOWEVER, COULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN EXPLANATION TO GIVE THEM OF WHY ADDITIONAL SAMPLES ARE NEEDED? THIS MIGHT IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS. IF YOU COULD ALSO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE BURMESE OF HOW THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM BENEFITS THEM, THIS WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF GETTING THE SAMPLES.

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